Center Line History For Schools

From prehistory - 1910

This is a concise picture history with text descriptions of the main items in Center Line and Warren Area History.

This fits on cell phones
or
Can be used as a slide show.

Full text and history
Can be seen with nearly 1400 pictures by downloading the pdf of the complete PowerPoint entitled
Concise History of Centerline-Warren Area
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What is Important about History?

It gives us valuable knowledge that we can learn from.

We gain perspective which is what things are, in relation to other things.

And hopefully we learn from mistakes made in the past so we don’t repeat them.

Where to start?

How about the beginning?

Well we don't know when or where that was. Sorry

But the Universe started **13.8 Billion** years ago
Our Sun ignited 5 Billion years ago.
The Earth was formed 4.5 Billion years ago.
Bacteria began about 1 Billion years ago.
Corals 7 sea life were around 700 Million Years ago
Fish 500 Million Years ago
Insects 400 Million Years ago
Reptiles and Dinosaurs 300 Million Years ago
Birds 200 Million Years ago
Mammals 170 Million Years ago
Flowers and Bees 100 Million Years ago
Bur Humans about only **200 Thousand** Years ago
So humans are a very recent happening.

Well how long did various life forms live here?

How long did they live here?

Bacteria 1 Billion years

Corals 750 Million years

Fish 480 Million years

Insects 4 Million years

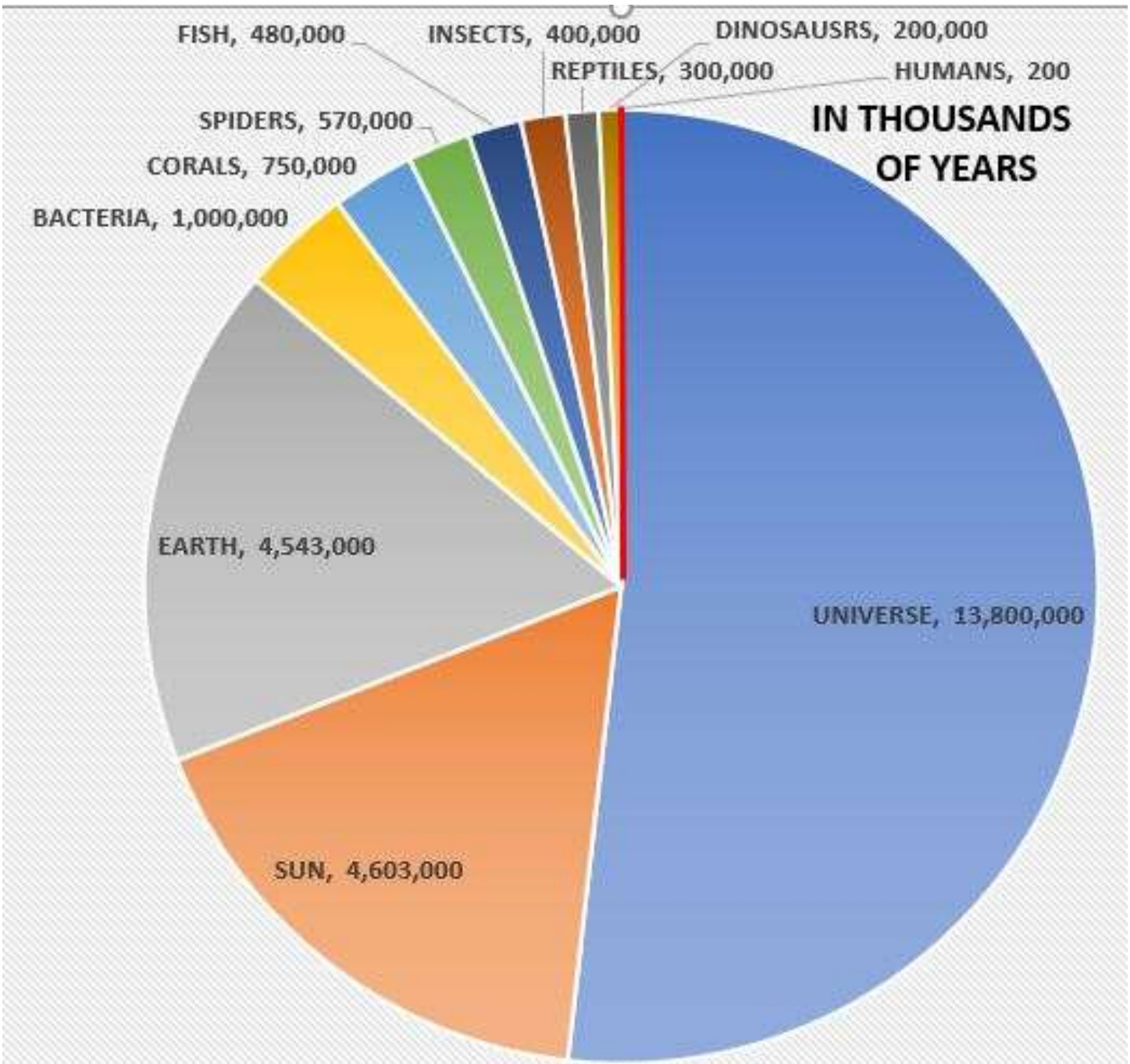
Reptiles 300 Million years

Dinosausrs 165 Million years

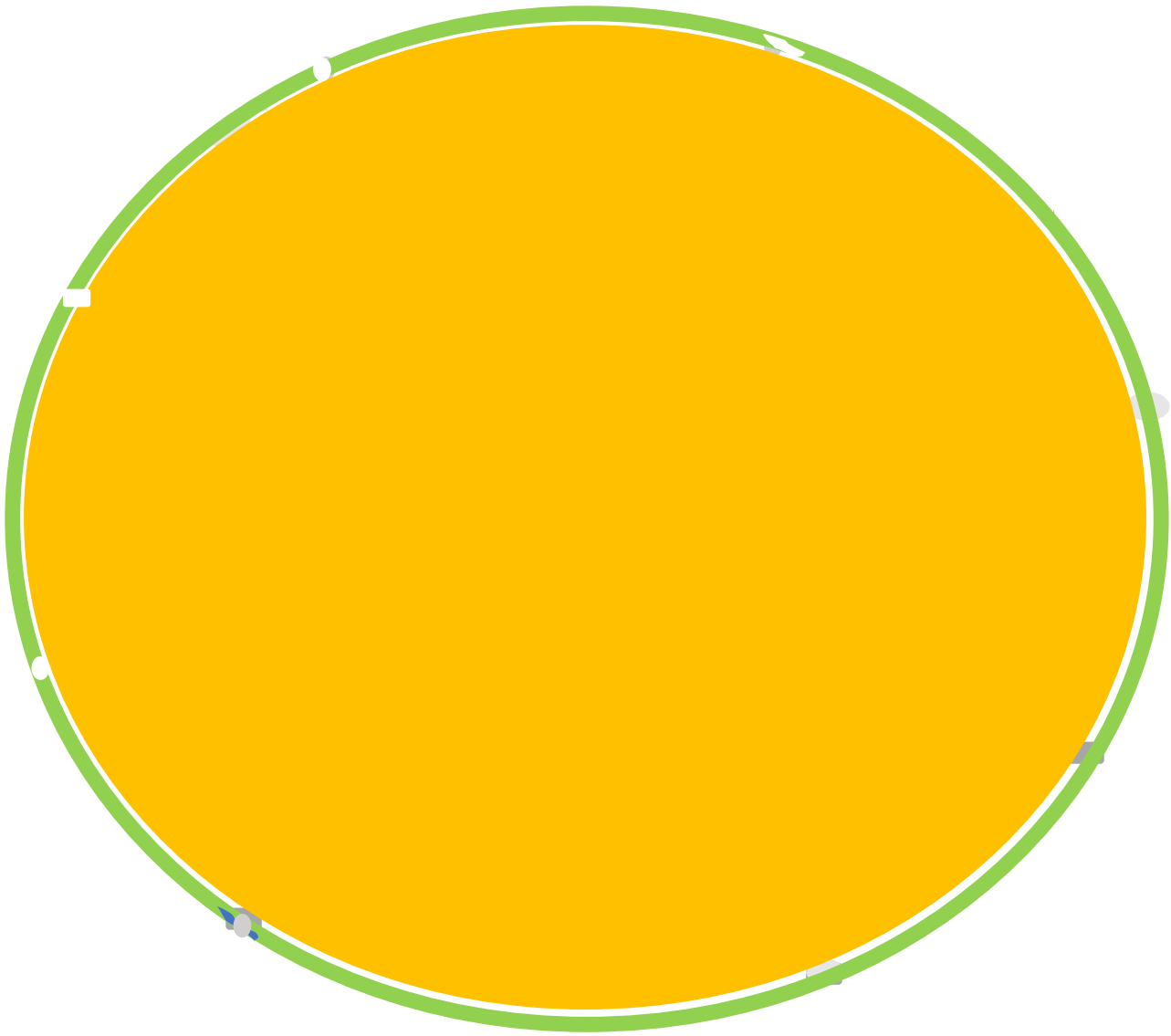
Humans a few thousand years

See that thin red line pointing up.
That is how long humans have been living on Earth.

Actually it is over 100 times thicker than it should be because otherwise it was too thin to even see.



Our city sets on as 20 to 30 mile thick plate that floats on top of hot molten semi solid plasma.



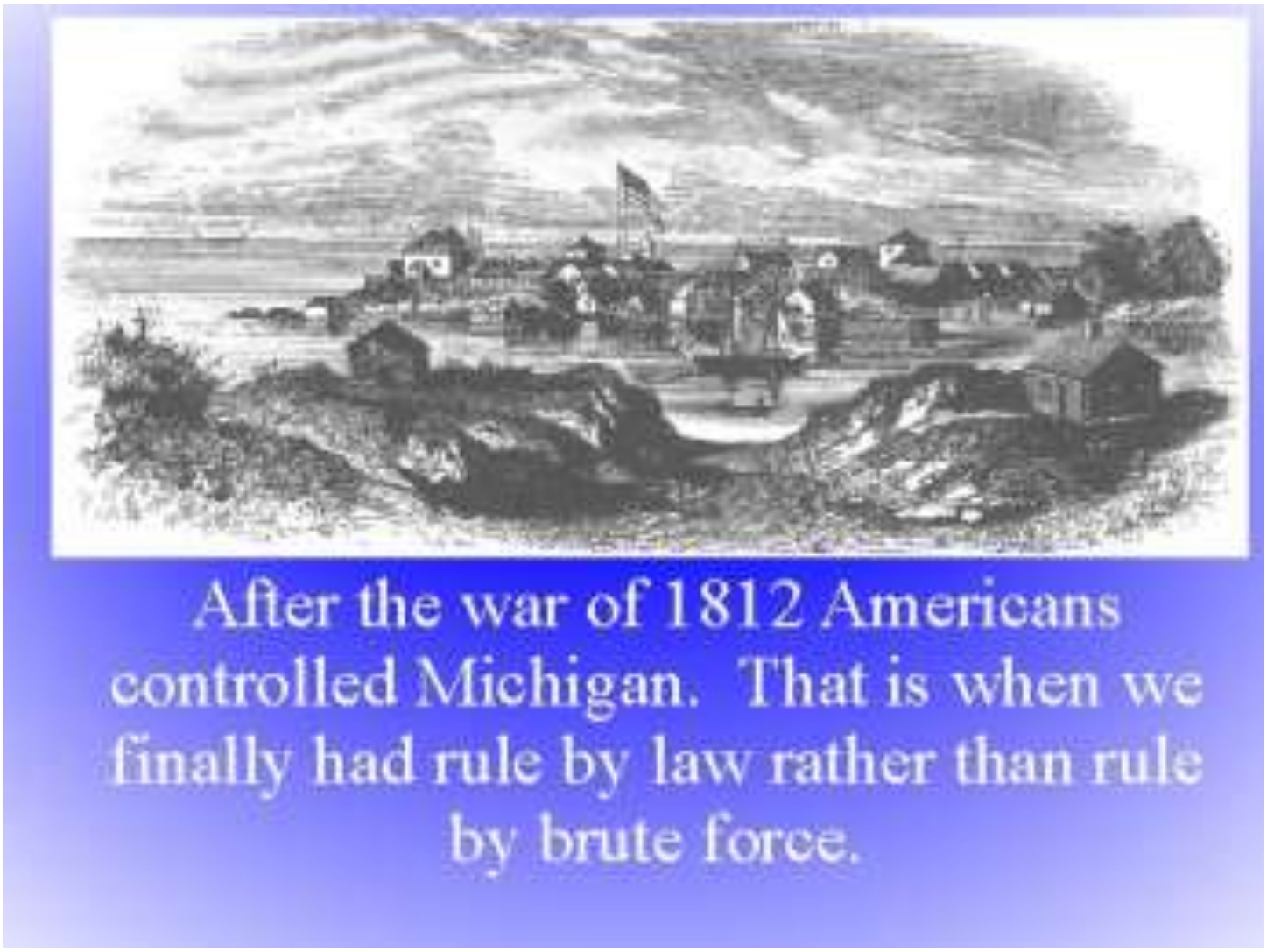
Our Michigan plate has been floating around the earth for millions of years and has been over the equator which made our climate very hot. It has been over the poles so the climate was very cold. And as it is now it in a temperate zone so we have nice weather and livable temperatures.

There have been hundreds of species wild animals that lived here and many became extinct such as the dinosaurs.

Our area was abounding in wildlife which lived in the forests lakes and creeks and rivers.

This is Warren and what it actually looked like for the last 10,000 years.

The French came to North America in the 1600s and to Detroit in 1701.


After the war of 1812 Americans controlled Michigan. That is when we finally had rule by law rather than rule by brute force.

Americans formed a Government with a Constitution which protects our Rights.

Big trees had to be cut down to clear the ground for crops.

At first crops had to be planted between the tree stumps. This was called stump farming.

Notice the big pot outside/

MOST COOKING WAS
DONE OUTSIDE

PAN
BREAD

Notice area became fields

10 Mile and Van Dyke area.

Log cabins were usually much smaller than this one.

Once the pioneers built a good fire place pots could be hung over a fire. But fires places were smoky and cabins dark as there was no electricity for lights.

Many things were made from wood and other natural materials because there was no plastic or paper.

Many things were made from clay. Notice the corn cobb stopper.

Barrels were used for storing and transporting things.

Stoves are much more efficient than fire places.

NO TRUCKS
ONLY HORSE
DRAWN WAGONS

This is how your great grandparents got around.

HOUSES WERE MORE EFFICIENTLY
MADE FROM SAWMILL CUT WOOD

Big families were common because children were needed to help with the farm work.

Notice the pedal organ in the back. Music was a common pleasure.

Fences were needed to keep the livestock from wandering away.

Chickens, turkeys, horses, cows, pigs, and sheep were the most common livestock.

Farm Animals had to be fed, housed and looked after daily.
They provided income, transportation, clothing and food.

Harvesting Bees, Quilting Bees, Barn Raisings, Picnics, Singing Bees and visiting neighbors were common events.

TO HELP ILL NEIGHBOR
PLOWING BEE TO
HELP SICK
NEIGHBOR

After harvesting machinery was available harvesting took less time and needed fewer people.

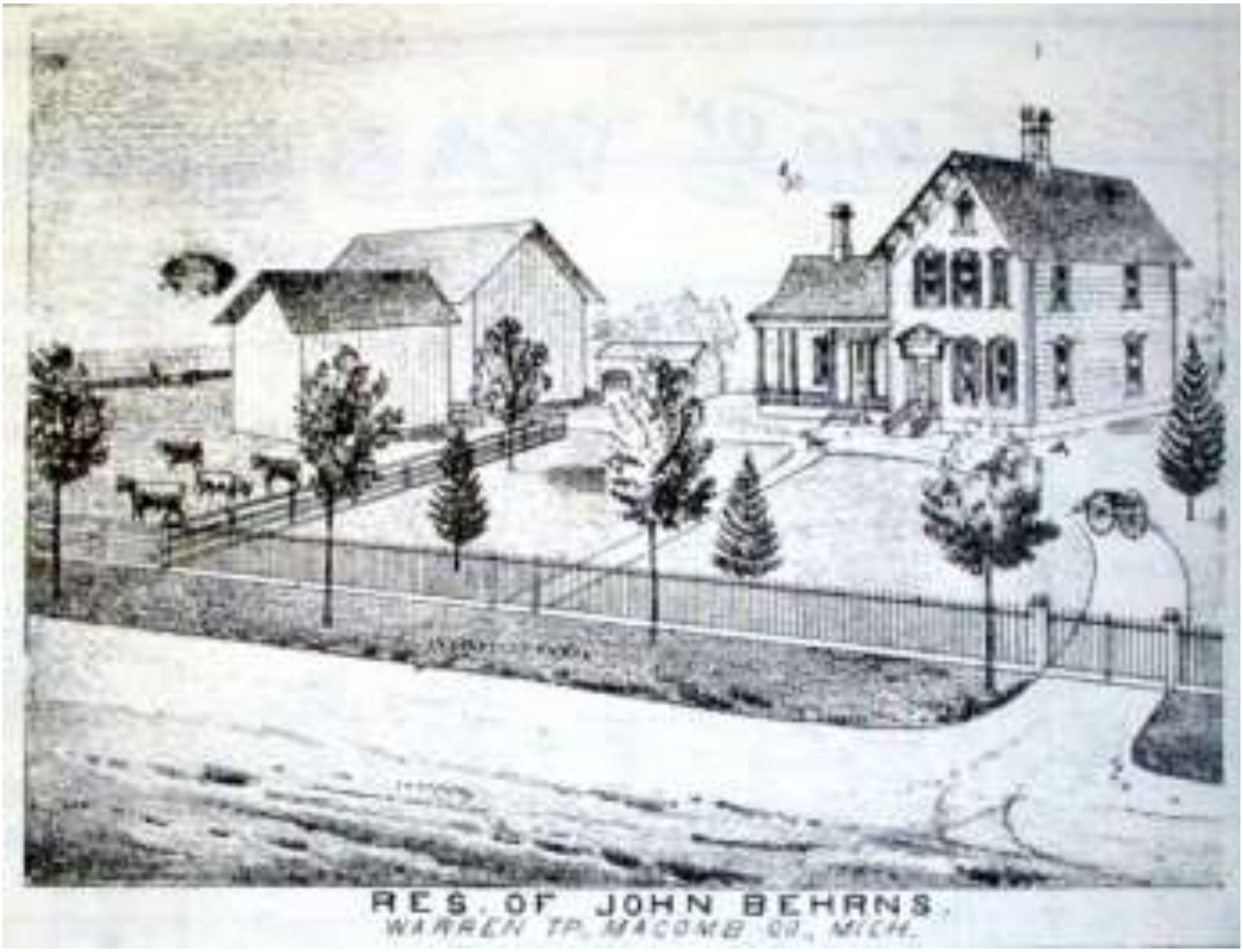
THE "CENTRE" LINE DIRT ROAD

FIRST ST CLEMENT BUILT 1854

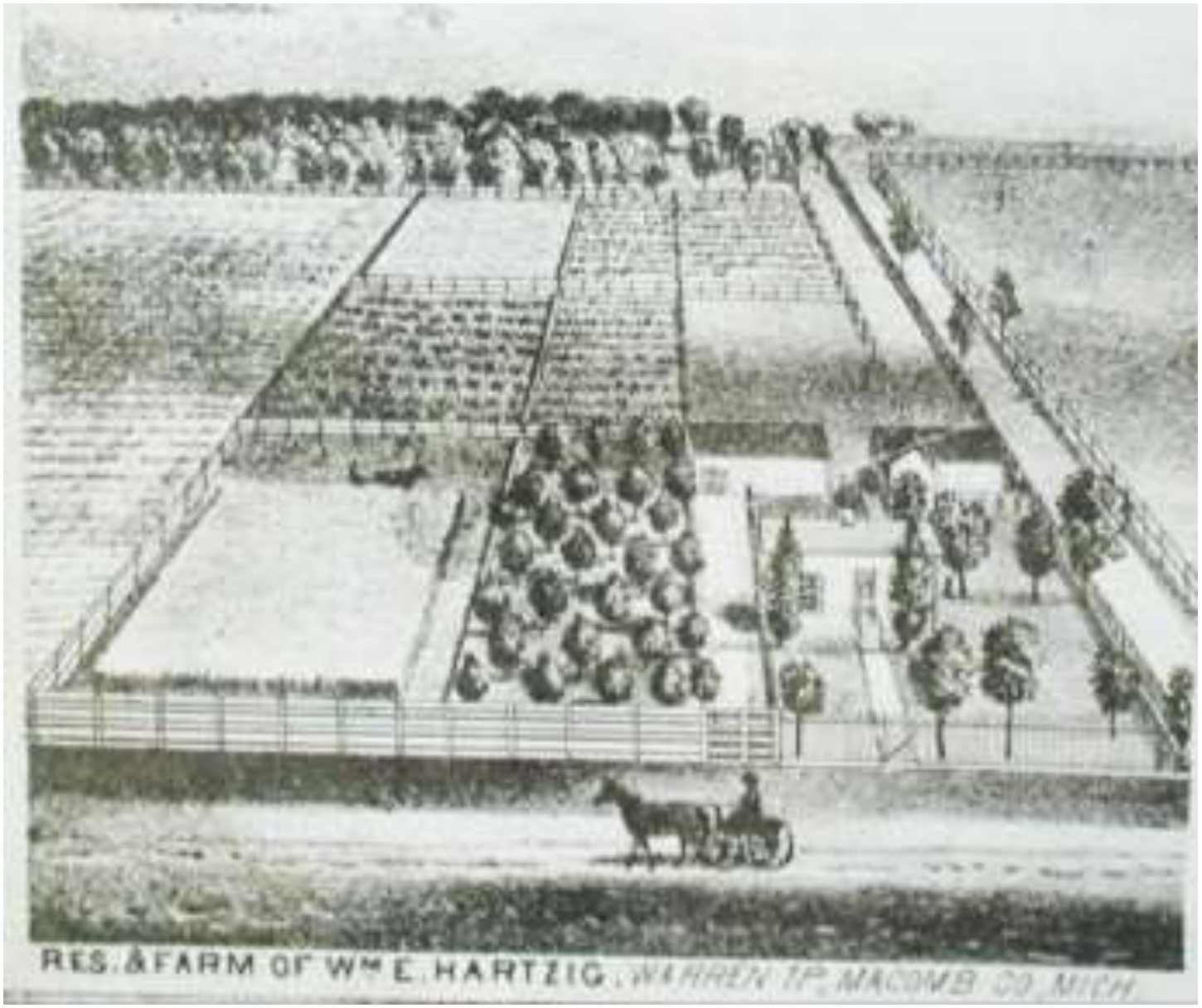
Note Weingartz log cabin

Miller’s Tavern on Van Dyke and Harding

Miller's Tavern on Van Dyke c 1880



The house is still there on 10 Mile west of Mound



Farms had orchards and other special areas.

Dad can I borrow the buggy.

BUECHEL'S STORE ON VAN DYKE
BY ST CLEMENT C 1890

Inside the store

Fish dinner

How laundry was done.

What is this?

Before these food was dried, buried, pickled, or preserved by canning.

Downtown.

EARLY RAIL CARS WERE PULLED BY HORSE TEAMS

This was how long distance travel was done after 1860

No cell phones

RAIL STILL IS THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL
LONG DISTANCES AS ONE CAN RELAX
WALK TO DINING CAR, ENJOY EVER
CHANGING SCENERY USE REST ROOM ETC.

It is still the most comfortable way to travel.

Van Dyke dirt road

Matthias Berger and wife in front of Buechel House

1880-1918 STEAM TRACTORS
HAD WIDE USE

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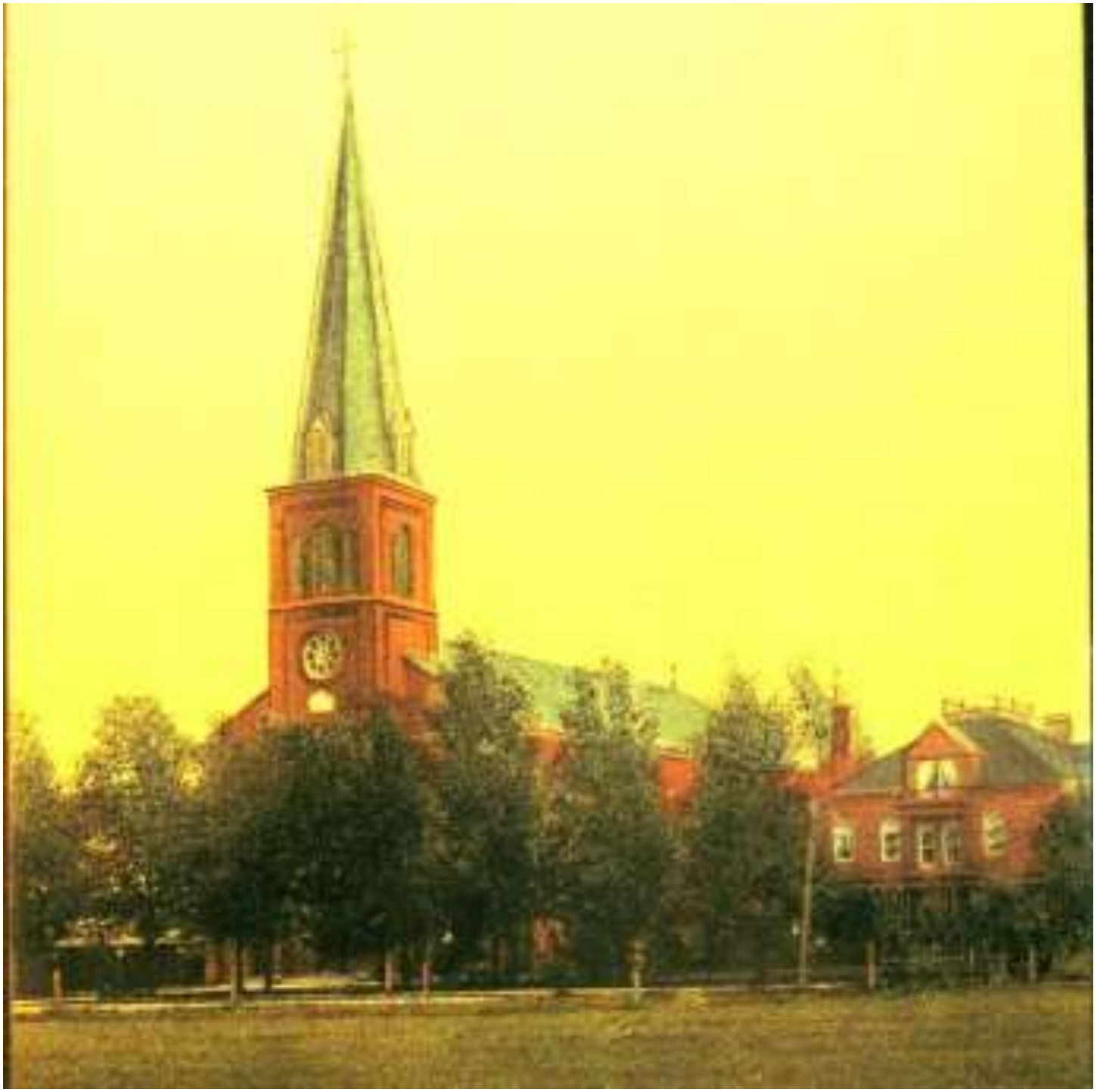
Robert Weier, Allenton, shows off his 1922 steam engine at the Richmond Good Old

ery exhibit continues today at 9 a.m. There is an antique show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the



Center Line was started by farmers who wanted a church on the “Centre” line. This is the brick St Clement church built in 1880.

Electricity came in in the early 1900s and so did our wonderful trollys along Van Dyke. They ran to just north of 10 Mile and turned around by a loop.